

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

SHOWS LABOR VARIOUS CROPS REQUIRE.

The approximate amount of labor required to raise some of the more important crops has been determined by recent farm studies conducted by the Office of Farm Management, United States Department of Agriculture. The results show that it requires the work of one man and one horse for a 10-hour day to cut, cure and harvest an acre of hay. Oats, wheat, barley, rye, buckwheat, and millet, consume more labor; under normal conditions these grains require the labor of a man for 2 days and for the horse 3 days. Corn for the silo in the Central States consumes three days of man labor and 5.5 of horse work. Tobacco in Kentucky uses 35 days of man labor against 5 days for the farm horse, but onions, as determined through studies in Ohio, sold in bunches as top of the list of vegetables in the amount of man labor they require. Onions use 140 days of man work but only 10 of horse work. Beets and carrots, also sold in bunches, come next, with 82 hand-days to each acre and 8 days of horse labor.

It is interesting to note that a horse in the Eastern States, requires 13 ten-hour days per year from his master to care for him, and he contributes only three-quarters of one day to his own upkeep—hauling feed, etc. Dairy cows need 18 days from the man and 3 from his horse each year.

GRADING ADDS TO FARMERS' PROFITS.

When a farmer orders a box of bolts of a certain make and size he does not expect to find a thin layer of the bolts specified on the top of the box and of assorted bolts underneath. In the world of commerce a manufacturer who pursues such practices would soon be bankrupt.

USE LESS SUGAR IN JELLIES AND JAMS.

One-fifth to one-quarter less sugar can be used in making jelly and jams, experiments made by household experts in the United States Department of Agriculture experimental kitchen indicate.

Another sugar-saving wrinkle tested by the experiment kitchen is to add one-quarter teaspoon of salt to each cup of fruit juice for jelly or pulp for jam, marmalade, and conserve. In the case of non-acid fruit this makes the absence of the full amount of sugar less noticeable. The salty taste will disappear after the product has stood for a few weeks, but the flavor will be much the richer for the salt.

used in England during the war, and the method suggested was based on reports of the process.

PEACHES LEAD SHORT-SEASON TREE FRUITS.

Peaches lead all other short-season tree fruits in the United States in the number of carloads shipped from producing regions annually, according to figures collected by the Bureau of Markets of the United States Department of Agriculture. Considering all fruits, peaches rank fourth in carloads sent to market, being surpassed only by the long season fruits—apples and oranges—and by watermelons. The approximate yearly average number of cars of the four fruits mentioned reaching market during the past four years are: Apples, 67,000; oranges, 35,000; watermelons, 20,000; peaches 25,000.

The only close competitors of peaches on the markets of the United States are grapes, of which about 22,000 carloads were shipped annually, and cantaloupes, the annual shipments of which were approximately 17,000 cars. The carloads of strawberries and pears shipped were slightly less than half those of peaches. An average of approximately 7,000 carloads of grapefruit and 3,000 cars of plums and prunes combined were shipped annually for the past four years.

REMEDY FOR APHIDS.

Aphids are on a rampage in Massachusetts and are spreading although they have not yet been reported in Connecticut.

The only successful remedy is nicotine in some form, used as a spray. Nicotine sulphate is the best con.

This may be applied separately, using a half pound of soap to every 50 gallons of the spray, or it may be combined with the regular bordeaux or bordeaux and lead arsenate spray. In this case the soap is omitted.

Where only a few plants need treatment a satisfactory mixture may be prepared at home as a tobacco solution or tea. Take tobacco stems, or even plug tobacco, and soak in water for a few hours until a strong tea-like solution is obtained. Strain, add a little soap and spray with this. The tea is mainly on the under side of the leaves. For this reason it is most important to apply the spray at high pressure in the form of a fine mist and thus to cover the entire plant surface.

These lice are sucking insects and are not killed by stomach poisons like arsenate of lead or paris green, nor by fungicides like bordeaux mixture. To kill them the nicotine solution must actually cover their bodies. It kills by absorption through the skin.

TEAMWORK AGAINST BAD MEDICINE.

A patent medicine manufacturer, who lives in Montreal and has been in the habit of coming to Lowell, Mass., twice a year and compounding a lot of his preparations, is out of luck in New England as the result of a successful piece of

teamwork by the United States Department of Agriculture and state officials in Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut. About 200 simultaneous seizures were made and resulted in so nearly cleaning up stocks of two preparations—a syrup of anise and a cough syrup—that the manufacturer has notified all of his agents that he has discontinued business at least temporarily. The preparations were seized on the ground of misbranding as to their curative qualities. The syrup of anise, which contained morphine, was recommended to mothers for babies suffering from colic, coughs, sleeplessness, painful teething, and various other infantile disorders. The cough syrup was recommended as a cure for the grip, whooping cough, and consumption. Success in driving these preparations from the market through the simultaneous seizures was possible only because of the co-operation of the state officials.

WINDHAM

George Cook and family and C. Arthur Kenney motored to Maine Friday and spent the week end with C. E. Farmington.

Mrs. John Twyford and daughter, of New York, were here at the end of the week, leaving Saturday to spend August in Eastford, Mrs. Twyford's sister, Mrs. Williamson, who has been with her part of the time has gone to Lebanon.

Miss Marian Ide of Williamstown spent Sunday with Mrs. Julia Gould.

Miss Helen Hopkins has been spending a week with a school friend near New Haven.

The historic Frog Pond property has again changed hands, having been sold to a New York man by William Bell. Mr. Bell has bought the house in South Windham in which he lived last winter and will remodel it.

An old folks' concert will be given next week. An extra rehearsal will be held Friday evening.

Miss May, Louise and Gertrude Little of Springfield, Mass., who have been guests of their aunt, Miss May D. Little, went to Columbia Saturday for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates of Chicago and North Windham, and Mr. and Mrs. George Bates and son, Robert, of Great Falls, Mon., were calling on friends in town Thursday. This is George Bates' first visit to his old home in thirteen years and the first time Mrs. Bates and son have been east. They started from North Windham for home Saturday and are to stop at Detroit and in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Potter returned Sunday, after ten days' stay at Ocean beach.

Miss Ellen Hawkins is staying with Mrs. John Beckwith for a few days.

Rev. Arthur W. Clifford is taking four weeks' vacation from his duties at the Congregational church. As he is to remain in town he will preach on the Sundays that the church will be open. Services will be omitted August 22-23. The mid-week prayer meeting will be omitted until September. The leader for the C. E. meeting next Sunday will be Miss Julia Gould.

Mrs. Witter of Hartford is the guest of her mother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Uley.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Lack, who were married July 14, at the farm in Vermont for China, Thursday. Mrs. Lack was Miss Harriet Abbot, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abbot.

Miss Bingham and Miss Clara Johnson were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lily of Springfield, Mass., at the Clark cottage, Groton Long Point.

F. W. Huxford, of Stamford, is to spend August with his mother and sis-

ter. Clarence Adams was thrown from his brother's motorcycle Sunday and severely injured his left elbow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Storms of Cresshire were at Mrs. Julia Arnold's, Tuesday. Miss Gertrude Arnold motored to Mansfield with them.

The annual party for the members of the cradle roll of the Congregational Sunday school was held in the chapel Saturday evening. There are twenty-seven on the roll and ten of the little ones were present, playing games. Annual crackers, cake, ice cream and fruit-ade was served. The superintendent, Miss Elizabeth Anderson, was assisted by Mrs. A. W. Clifford and Mrs. H. C. Lathrop.

Miss Grace Bates is spending a few days with friends in Mansfield, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gates of Williamstown entertained Andrew Gates and family, and Henry Brown of Hartford at dinner at Mrs. Henry Bingham's, on Sunday.

NORTH STONINGTON

At his home on the Westerly road, funeral services for Frank A. Thompson, conducted by Rev. Lucian Drury, assisted by Rev. O. D. Fisher, were held Monday afternoon. By request of Mr. Thompson, no address was given. Rev. Mr. Drury read the scriptures, also a short poem entitled "The Sacrament of Life and Death," by John Oxenham, an English poet, and spoke a few words of sympathy for the bereaved family. Rev. Mr. Fisher offered prayer. There were choice flowers. Many relatives and friends attended.

Burial was in Wheeler cemetery. Rev. Mr. Drury making the committal and Rev. Mr. Fisher pronouncing the benediction. The bearers, selected by Mr. Thompson, were E. Frank White, Irving R. Main, Henry L. Allen, Horace G. Lewis, Ernest L. Crandall, all of North Stonington, and Charles H. Brown of Hope Valley, R. I.

The Woman's union of the Congregational church gave a successful lawn tea on the church grounds last week. Mr. William F. Williams was in charge of tea and sandwiches. Miss Minnie L. Coates sold cake. Mrs. C. B. Allen sold vegetables. Ice cream was served. The net proceeds were about \$45.

The Third Baptist Sunday school held its annual picnic at Atlantic Beach Friday with an attendance of 75 or more. Arrangements were in charge of Judge C. C. Gray, acting superintendent. The day was one of enjoyment for all who attended.

Mrs. Edward Man and daughter, Miss Evelyn B. Man, have gone to the mountains.

Miss Mary T. Main has been in Bronxville, N. Y., a few days.

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USQUEPAUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bagley of Providence are spending some time at the Bagley homestead.

Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Carpenter and daughter Ruth of Brooklyn, N. Y., are visiting Mrs. Carpenter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James S. Lamond.

Amos H. Kenyon, with his family of Providence, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents here.

Mrs. Fannie Blecknell is visiting her niece, Mrs. F. K. Crandall, at Kingston.

Herbert E. Lord spent Monday and Tuesday in Boston on business.

Miss Ide of Providence was a visitor here Sunday.

Samuel C. Webster, Jr., of Westerly visited relatives here Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Dimittroff of Providence, acting pastor at Curtis Corner, preached at Usquepaugh church Sunday morning in exchange with Mr. Fickes.

Mrs. John K. Lamond and children, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lamond, have returned to their home in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton and son of Providence are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bagley at the Bagley homestead.

Mrs. William Palmer and children, Dorothy and Wesley, of Detroit, Mich., arrived Monday for a visit with Mr. Palmer's mother, Mrs. Caroline Palmer.

The population of this village is increasing. The boss farmer for J. S. Murdoch has moved into the Dr. Anthony house. There are several children in the family.

Barle Peck, who has been visiting relatives in New Haven, has returned home. Mrs. Annie E. Webster and daughter Mildred are visiting relatives in Providence and Pawtucket.

Leonard Joslin and son Len of Exeter

were callers here Saturday evening.

Edward C. Kenyon of West Kingston spent Sunday with local relatives.

Underwood's truck of Wakefield conveyed a party from here to Rocky Point Monday to enjoy Emancipation day, a celebration which the colored people from here always attend.

Mrs. Barnes of Providence spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. H. Coville.

Frank Weaver of Providence, with a party of berry pickers, was a caller in this village one day last week.

SOUTH WINDHAM

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Barnow and daughter, Margaret and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Backus were taken over the Mohawk Trail by Albert Oman by automobile Saturday, then to South Windham, Mass., for two weeks' vacation. Mr. Oman returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Card and two sons and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Clark of Williamstown motored to Point of Woods, Pleasure Beach and Sound View Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Chamberlin with her daughter of Williamstown, has returned after a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. B. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Stiles and their niece, Miss Sarah H. Abbe have been spending two weeks at Crescent Beach.

The Arthur Williams farm in Windham owned by W. L. Bell, has been sold to New York parties. Mr. Bell has bought the house in which he lived the past winter and will remodel it.

Mrs. Helen Tubbs has been entertaining her sister, Mrs. Hanney of Unionville.

Miss Lillie A. Hatch is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Abbe and children have been spending two weeks in Groton.

Emil Erickson, foreman of one of the departments at the plant of the Smith-Wheeler Manufacturing Co. of South Windham and his niece, Miss Garda Erickson, left last Wednesday for a three months' visit to Sweden, their

native land.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hatch of Hartford motored to Windham Friday and took the former's brother, H. C. Hatch. They called on their sister here, Miss Eliza Hatch, who was seriously ill at her home and who died Monday.

NORTH STERLING

The Charles Hollock place is sold to New York parties.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Pond of Attleboro, Mass., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Corey over the week-end.

F. O. Plummer and family and Miss Maude M. Griffiths spent the past week at Point Allerton, Mass.

John Griffiths and family attended the camp meeting at Douglas, Mass., Sunday last.

Mrs. Lucinda Cole and Mrs. Lola Brayton spent Sunday in Lowell, Mass.

Mrs. George S. Avery and daughter, Sarah of Groton, are spending a few weeks at George C. Spooner's.

Victor Pageegee has a new automobile. Mrs. Edith Swan Bixley has returned home after touring many parts of the United States. She will remain at home for a short rest.

The Apaches and Chief Black Bear are still on the war path. Two more scalps were captured and a great time ensued. The Cherokees are certainly wearing a worried look now with the Braves 20 points ahead.

Doris A. Schlen is spending a week with friends in Newport, R. I.

Richard Pirtune and Charles Sahlen were at the shore last week.

Rev. Harry Finlay preached Aug. 1 at Webster, Mass., his former parish.

Howard Baker and family and Mr. and Mrs. Grant of Providence, R. I., spent Sunday here.

New Haven.—Italians of the city who came from the city of Seafati in Italy have been enjoying the celebration of the feast of the Society of St. Marie della Virginia, held Saturday, Sunday and Monday. High mass was celebrated in St. Michael's church Sunday morning following a parade to the church.

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